### Quick Facts

**Truman State University**  
**Location:** Kirksville, Mo.  
**Founded:** 1867  
**Enrollment:** 5,800  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs  
**Colors:** Purple & White  
**Arena:** Pershing Arena  
**Capacity:** 2,600  
**Conference:** Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (NCAA Div. II)  
**President:** Dr. Barbara Dixon  
**Director of Athletics:** Jerry Wollmering  
**Athletics Phone:** (660) 785-4235

**Coaching Staff**  
**Head Coach:** Jason Skoch  
**Alma Mater (Ye):** Oklahoma State (1998)  
**Office Phone:** (660) 785-4468  
**Best Time To Call:** Mornings  
**Assistant Coach:** Ben Briney

**Team Information**  
**2007 Overall Record:** 36-6  
**Conference Record:** 12-1 (1st/ East Div.)  
**Final National Ranking:** No. 8  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 10/3

**Team History**  
**First Year of Volleyball:** 1973  
**All-Time Program Record:** 737-422-14 (.634)  
**All-Time MIAA Record:** 254-100 (.718)  
**Times in Postseason/Last:** 9/2007  
**Postseason Record:** 19-9  
**Last Postseason Result:** Advanced to Regional  
**Finals (Lost to Washburn University)**

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**Home Matches in Bold - * MIAA Matches**

### 2008 Truman Volleyball Media Guide
With six seniors on the roster, expectations are once again high for the 2008 Bulldog volleyball squad - and the rest of the MIAA wasted no time in reminding them of it.

For the fifth time in the past six seasons, Truman found the bulls-eye placed squarely on their backs as the Bulldogs got the nod to repeat as MIAA conference champion in 2008.

First and foremost however, players, coaches and fans alike will have even more to get used to than new faces and jersey changes, as the NCAA released a handful of rules updates and directives that will impact each match.

Most importantly for fans to note, teams are required now to score just 25 points in a “set” (formerly called “games”) - as opposed to 30 - to secure a win. However, the number of points required to win a decisive fifth-set remains at 15.

“The NCAA’s theory is that this change will lessen the number of 3-0 sweeps,” head coach Jason Skoch said. “It will make it more of a ‘sprint’ mindset in the fact that it will punish teams that don’t start games well.”

Truman enters preseason workouts with 20 players listed on the roster, headlined by the six-member senior class. The squad also features four juniors, five sophomores and five freshmen who will help provide additional balance.

Middle Blockers

Three of those seniors are found at the middle blocker position, as all-American Aliyya Cherven, Lisa Weber and Dana Hanselmann will look to continue the upward trend of total blocking numbers over the past two seasons. In 2006, Truman recorded 372 total blocks (2.9 per set) but increased that number to a school-record 472 (3.0 per set) last season.

Joining those three will be a pair of freshmen - Erin Burmester and Jordan Hegyi. Both players received all-conference honors in high school and will look to learn a lot in hopes of taking over the reins in 2009.

“Allie, Lisa and Dana are our anchors in the middle and this, by far, is the most stable position we have this year,” Skoch said. “We brought in Erin to give us even more depth there and to hopefully give us the ability to rest some legs.

“Johanna has huge potential and we expect a lot of great things out of her here at Truman, but because of the depth at the position, she’ll likely redshirt this season.”

Right-Side Hitters

The squad’s other returning all-American, senior Melissa Keck, leads a right-side hitter position which sees four letterwinners returning.

Juniors Lauren Graybeal and Erin Hattey both saw significant playing time last season, as did sophomore Kristen Nissen. Graybeal, however, has shifted to the opposite side this year after playing primarily as an outside hitter in 2007.

“We had three very competitive girls returning at the position in Melissa, Johanna and Jordan, said Skoch. “Then, we added even more depth by shifting Lauren from outside to right-side, and she had a phenomenal spring. I’m really excited about that position coming into this year.”

Outside Hitters

The Bulldogs will have a variety of options at the outside hitter position in 2008, as a host of returners plus a duo of newcomers grace the roster.

Two-time all-MIAA selection Eli Medina returns for her senior season holding a spot in the top-10 on both Truman’s career total attempts and digs charts.

She is joined by returning sophomore Allison Barker and Jessica Zimmerman, as well as a junior transfer, Jenna Novelli, and a freshman, Molly Sinclair.

Novelli (Novelli will join the Bulldog squad after two years at LA Pierce (Calif.) Community College, while Sinclair will don the purple and white at recent Academia in St. Louis.

“We expect Jenna to come in right away and make a huge impact,” Skoch said. “I believe Eli will break into all-American status this year, and we have some bench depth with Allison, Jessica and Molly. This will be the most depth we’ve had at that position since I’ve been here.”

Specialists

The final pieces of the 2008 puzzle are comprised at the specialist positions, as a pair of starters return at both the libero and setter spots.

Senior all-MIAA selection Whitney Boehler is coming off a record-setting season (366 total digs; 4.84 per set) and will be joined at the libero position by sophomore Casey Bruno and freshman Nastassia Hegyi.

Bruno saw action in 12 matches as a freshman and also etched her name into the record book by serving 17 consecutive aces in the team’s NCAA first-round match against Albany (Ga.) State.

Hegyi joins the purple and white after becoming the first defensive specialist to ever be named all-state in Wisconsin as a senior and will help provide more depth.

“Whitney, if she’s healthy, will start, but Casey made tremendous strides this spring,” Skoch said. “[Casey] can do a lot of great things, but Whitney provides that consistency of being a three-year starter and is extremely polished.

“Nastassia will also likely redshirt this year, again primarily because of her cause of depth. She could certainly play now and is a great fit for Truman.”

Sophomore Ashley Petak returns at the setter position after tallying nearly 1,000 assists as a true freshman last season. Joining her will be returning junior Krysta Tholen and freshman Kylie Easlon, who posted nearly 3,000 assists and 275 service aces at Edmond Santa Fe High School in Edmond, Okla.

“Ashley will be a starter again this year, and Krysta is coming off a great spring where she showed us a lot,” Skoch said. “Kylie comes from a prominent program in Oklahoma and she reminds us a lot of Ashley, so there will be good competition amongst the team at that position.”

Schedule

The Bulldogs will play six conference matches before detouring to the Lady Blues Fall Classic for four matches against both Lone Star and Heartland Conference opponents the first weekend of October.

Arguably the biggest nonconference match for the purple and white will take place on September 12 when the Bulldogs travel to face defending national champion Concordia (Minn.)-St. Paul. The Golden Bears return all but one player from last season’s championship squad.

Truman will get no rest entering MIAA play, as a pair of NCAA tournament qualifiers from 2007 – Emporia State and Washburn – kick off the conference schedule in mid-September.

The Bulldogs will play six conference matches before post-season play begins the weekend of November 20-22. One this season are the annual postseason tournament (resulting in a double round-robin format for conference play) and the separate divisions, as all 11 teams are now vying for the single conference championship – given to the squad with the best 20-match record.

“Barring any surprises, we’ll probably see at least 16 ranked teams this year,” Skoch said. “But, the girls always end up surprising me by stepping up to the challenge year-in, year-out with the schedule we put together.

“I was really proud of our girls last year with the way they handled losing three key starters, and they’re going to be tested again this year just as much. We may take a couple hits early, but this team is primed to be a make a big run late in the season and hopefully make some noise come November and December.”

### 2008 Roster

#### Players By State
- **California** (1): Jenna Novelli
- **Illinois** (3): Dana Hanselmann, Melissa Keck, Jessica Zimmerman
- **Iowa** (2): Erin Burmester, Johanna Ruff
- **Kansas** (2): Whitney Bohr, Lauren Graybeal
- **Minnesota** (1): Krysta Tholen
- **Missouri** (5): Allie Cherven, Erin Hattey, Eli Medina, Molly Sinclair, Lisa Weber
- **Nebraska** (2): Kristen Nissen, Ashley Petak
- **Oklahoma** (1): Kylee Easton
- **Texas** (1): Casey Bruno
- **Wisconsin** (2): Allison Barker, Nastassia Hegyi

#### Players By Position
- **Setters** (3): Kylee Easton, Kris Tholen, Ashley Petak
- **Outside Hitters** (5): Allison Barker, Eli Medina, Jenna Novelli, Molly Sinclair, Jessica Zimmerman
- **Middle Blockers** (5): Erin Burmester, Allie Cherven, Dana Hanselmann, Johanna Ruff, Lisa Weber
- **Right-Side Hitters** (4): Lauren Graybeal, Erin Hattey, Melissa Keck, Kristen Nissen
- **Libero/Defensive Specialitys** (3): Whitney Bohr, Casey Bruno, Nastassia Hegyi

#### Name Pronunciations
- Whitney Bohr . bowler
- Erin Burmester . bur-meh-stir
- Allie Cherven . sher-vinn
- Lauren Graybeal . gray-bill
- Erin Hattey . hay-tee
- Nastassia Hegyi . natch-a HEDGE-ee
- Eli Medina . E-lay med-EE-na
- Kristen Nissen . KNEE-sin
- Ashley Petak . pee-tack
- Krysta Tholen . THO-lin

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Jason Skoch, Head Coach
Ben Briney, Assistant Coach
Erin Leavitt, Student Assistant

* Number of Letters earned

**Position Legend:**
- S-Setter
- MB-Middle Blocker
- OH-Outside Hitter
- RS-Right-Side Hitter
- DS/L-Defensive Specialist/Libero
Jason Skoch became the eighth head coach in Truman volleyball history when he was named to the position in May of 2005.

During his first three seasons as a Bulldog, Skoch has kept the program amongst the nation’s elite, having posted a career 104-14 record and three consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament. Entering 2008, Truman has spent 71 consecutive weeks in the top-10 of the CBS College Sports Network/AVCA Division II Coaches poll—dating all the way back to November 2002.

Last season, Skoch’s squad set season records in kills, hitting attempts, assists, digs and blocks en route to a 36-6 overall record, an MIAA tournament title, a No. 1 seed in the South Central Regional, and a trip to the National Sweet 16. The 36 wins were the second-most in program history, as the team won the MIAA East division for the second-straight season.

Truman went 13-4 in 2007 against teams ranked in the top-25, including a 6-3 mark against teams in the top-10 at the time of the match. The Bulldogs went 5-3 in matches that went five-games and were swept just once—at the hands of eventual national champion Concordia-St. Paul in the first weekend of the season.

Skoch also reached a milestone of his own in 2007 as he picked up his 100th career win, a 3-0 victory against Missouri Southern, on Nov. 6, 2007.

Skoch has demonstrated success from the outset of his Truman tenure, as in his first season at the helm, Truman finished second in MIAA play and won the MIAA postseason tournament. After opening the season ranked second in the preseason national poll, the squad jumped up to No. 1 one week later for the first time in school history. They held the top spot for six weeks in 2005.

He capped off his first season with a South Central regional title before falling in the Elite Eight against host and national-No. 1 Nebraska-Kearney.

The Bulldogs rolled through the MIAA in 2006, going undefeated and once again capturing the MIAA tournament championship. The squad spent five more weeks atop the national poll late in the season, and, after being recognized as the MIAA coach of the year for the first time, Skoch’s squad was again selected to host the South Central Regional.

Skoch has coached five different players—Sarah Shearman (05/06), Kelsey Wackerman (05/06), Micaela Walter (05), Allie Cherven (06/07) and Melissa Keck (07)—who have been named AVCA all-Americans. His players have demonstrated success in the classroom also, as evidenced by 19 players being listed to the MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll in three seasons.

Skoch came to Truman after spending one season as an assistant coach at Mississippi State University. He was part of a first-year coaching staff which led Mississippi State to an improvement of 11 wins overall and tied a school record for the most wins in Southeastern Conference (SEC) play.

His responsibilities there included recruiting, logistics, game/practice planning and opponent scouting.

Skoch also had previous NCAA Division II experience as he was an assistant coach at Central Oklahoma in 2003. That season, Central Oklahoma went 23-7 and advanced to the tournament finals in the Lone Star Conference.

Other coaching experience for Skoch includes spending one season as head coach with the Stillwater Volleyball Club and the Kappa Oklahoma Charge Volleyball Club.

Skoch earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State in 1998 with a major in statistics and a minor in mathematics. He earned a Master of Science in Statistics from Penn State in 2001.

Skoch and his wife, Karen, are expecting their first child this fall.
Ben Briney is starting his fourth year on the Truman coaching staff as the full-time assistant coach.

In his three years at Truman, Briney has assisted head coach Jason Skoch in leading the Bulldogs to a 104-14 record. The squad has captured three NCAA Tournament bids and three MIAA tournament championships, while also spending each week in the CBS College Sports Network/AVCA Coaches poll top-10 throughout his tenure at Truman.

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Briney’s main responsibilities include recruiting, strength and conditioning, scouting, fundraising and running drills in practice.

During the summer of 2006, Briney was the assistant coach for the Carolina Region Junior High Performance Team - one of the teams that makes up the pipeline for the U.S. National Team. That team went 4-3 during a trip to the Dominican Republic, which included international matches against the Dominican Youth and Junior National teams, along with some top club teams.

Briney and the Carolina team also participated in a clinic by two of the Dominican National Team coaches, including one of which was on the Cuban men’s national coaching staff for 14 years.

Briney came to Truman after being an assistant coach for two seasons at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina.

At St. Andrews, a NCAA Division II program in the Carolinas-Virginia Athletics Conference, Briney was involved with recruiting, on-court coaching and the development and implementation of the team’s strength and conditioning program.

In his two years at the school, the Knights went 40-24 overall. In 2003, the school advanced to the conference tournament finals after being picked seventh in the preseason poll. The following year, the team tied a school record with 14 conference victories and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

Briney coached seven all-conference athletes at St. Andrews and one conference freshman of the year. The Knights also excelled academically over his last two years there, including being ranked 10th in the nation in 2003 with a 3.54 team GPA.

Briney was also the assistant athletic trainer at St. Andrews, where he helped with the coverage of all 14 sports at the school.

Prior to moving to North Carolina, Briney was the graduate assistant athletic trainer at Southwest Baptist. He was the head athletic trainer for the men’s basketball, volleyball and tennis programs at the school and was the host athletic trainer for the 2003 NCAA Division II regional tennis tournament.

Other volleyball experience includes being a member of the Athletics in Action men’s volleyball team that toured Nigeria on an international sports ministry trip in 2003, serving as a camp clinician at Campbell University, Elon University, and St. Louis University, and also being an assistant coach of the Carolina Region High Performance youth team in 2005.

The Missouri native graduated from Southwest Baptist in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management and a minor in Psychology. Briney passed his athletic training exam to receive certification from the National Athletic Training Association in 2003 before earning his Masters of Education from SBU in 2004. Also in 2004, he passed both his strength and conditioning test to gain CSCS credentials from the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Briney also serves as the faculty advisor for Truman’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle.

Erin Leavitt, former defensive specialist for the Truman volleyball program, will join the coaching staff for the 2008 season.

Leavitt played two seasons (2005, 2006) and averaged 3.61 digs per set. She saw action in 30 contests, including 25 in the 2006 season.